A Letter from CHESTER

Of the Twenty Second Inſtant,

Giving an Account of ſome Affairs in *Ireland*,

And of the Arrival and Reception of the General

The Duke of Schomberg,

And of the Forces there.

Licenſed, *July* 24. 1689.

ON Thurſday laſt arrived here the Heer *Schravanmore* Maiſtre de Camp General, who, next day, laid out the Ground for the Camp, which is cloſe by the Town on the South-ſide.

On Saturday laſt arrived here the Count *de Solmes*, about Two in the Afternoon, and preſently after there followed a Battalion of the *Dutch* Foot Guards, which immediately Encamped.

The Duke of *Schomberg* arrived here on Saturday about Ten a Clock at Night, and was received by the Mayor and Aldermen in their Scarlet, and all their Formalities, attended by the ſeveral Companies with their Flags carried before them. The Train'd Bands of this City met his Excellency at the Bars, and conducted him to his Lodgings at Alderman *Mannerings*, who came along with him from *London*. This day his Excellency, attended by the Count *de Solmes*, Lord *Brandon Gerrard*, the Governor of the City, and a great many others are gone to view the Ships which lie at *Liverpool*, *High-Lake*, and *Neſſen*, for the Tranſportation of the Forces for *Ireland*.

On Thurſday laſt arrived here, with much hazard and difficulty, ſeveral Paſſengers in a ſmall Wherry, which left *Dublin* the Monday before. I can add but little to what you may have known already; only that at *Dublin*, they ſay that very conſiderable Numbers of Proteſtants, with their Families, having ſetled themſelves there, in hopes of being more ſafe, and leſs Expoſed to the Inſolencies of the *French*, and *Iriſh* Soldiers, than in the Countrey where the Danger threatens them on all hands: They have had the Misfortune to be obliged to remove, and go home to their Houſes and Habitations in the Countrey, by Vertue of a Proclamation from the Late King, Commanding them, on ſevere Penalties, to repair to them; which is look'd upon by them, as an Expoſing of them to the mercy of the Rabble. They ſay that the Late King is ſo Exaſperated at the Diſappointment His Forces met with at *London-Derry*, That He is now reſolved to have the laſt Puſh for't; And, to that Effect, has ſent down a great quantity of Ladders, with Orders to ſcale the Walls, and take the Town that way if poſſible.

This day, and to morrow, 8000 Men are to Encamp here, which, with the 3 or 4000 at *Whitehaven*, are to be commanded by the Count *de Solmes*, and, with all Expedition, to be immediately ſhipt off for *Loughfoyle*, to join the Forces there under the Command of Major General *Kirk*. When theſe are gone, they ſay that 18 or 20000 Men more come in their room, who are to Encamp alſo; theſe are to be commanded by General *Schomberg* himſelf, but whither and when they are to go, is not yet certainly known.

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